

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(c)) - SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am

- ☒ the owner of the small business concern identified below:
☐ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: CSS., INC.

ADDRESS OF ORGANIZATION: 5F SRC Bldg., 1-1, Katsushima 1-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
140-0012 Japan

I hereby declare that the above identified small business concern qualified as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37 CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, in that the number of employees of the concern, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other if either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention, entitled BEDSORE PREVENTING METHOD, BEDSORE PREVENTING SHEET, BEDSORE PREVENTING CLOTH, BEDSORE PREVENTING MATRESS, BEDSORE PREVENTING BED, BEDSORE PREVENTING BED PAD, BEDSORE PREVENTING PRODUCT, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME inventor(s) Hideyuki Kano described in

- ☐ the specification filed herewith.
☒ application Serial No. _____, filed December 28, 1999
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

The rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention is listed below* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e). *NOTE: Separate verified statements are required for each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

NAME Hideyuki Kano

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☒ INDIVIDUAL ☐ SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ☐ NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is attached.

NAME OF PERSON SIGNING: Satoru Kano

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION: President

ADDRESS OF PERSON SIGNING: 5F SRC Bldg., 1-1, Katsushima 1-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 140-0012

SIGNATURE: Satoru Kano
DATE: March 5, 2001 Japan

Attorney's Docket No.: _____
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 Filed or Issued: _____
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
 (37) CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27(b)) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled BEDSORE PREVENTING METHOD, BEDSORE PREVENTING SHEET, BEDSORE PREVENTING CLOTH, BEDSORE PREVENTING MATTERS, BEDSORE PREVENTING BED, BEDSORE PREVENTING PAD, BEDSORE PREVENTING PROTECT, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME described in

☐ the specification filed herewith
☒ application serial no. PCT/JP99/07388 filed December 28, 1999
☐ patent no. _____, issued _____

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below

☐ no such person, concern or organization
☒ person, concerns or organizations listed below*

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